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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of

Richard HERTZOG et al.

Application No: 08/601,879

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Examiner: J. Reamer

For: DECOMPOSITION OF CUMENE OXIDATION PRODUCT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

--26. The process of claim 1 wherein step (a) comprises mixing the cumene oxidation product with 40 to 60 percent acetone relative to the acetone produced during the decomposition reaction.

27. The process of claim 1 wherein step (a) comprises mixing the cumene oxidation product with 40 percent acetone relative to the acetone produced during the decomposition reaction.

28. The process of claim 1 wherein step (a) comprises mixing the cumene oxidation product with 60 percent acetone relative to the acetone produced during the decomposition reaction.--

REMARKS

Support for newly added claims 26-28 may be found in the present specification in the Examples on pages 10-12, wherein the cumene oxidation product is mixed with 40 and 60 percent acetone. Note especially Table I on page 12.

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